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SEPTIC TANK ABANDONMENT

Bernalillo County Natural Resource Services will be performing a final inspection on all septic tank abandonments.

There is **no fee** for the inspection. However, if Natural Resource Services has difficulty with compliance a fee may be instituted.

The following is an outline of the procedures for abandonment and inspection:

Tank Abandonment Procedure:

1. Pump out the septic tank; retain the pumping receipt.
2. Disconnect sanitary line from the septic tank.
3. Remove/crush top of tank small enough to eliminate voids (open spaces).
4. Have the fill material on site. **Do not fill in tank until inspection is done.**
5. Follow Inspection Procedure below.
6. Fill tank completely with sand or other approved material once inspection is complete.

Inspection Procedure:

1. Contact Natural Resource Services 24 hours prior to the inspection date.
2. The abandoned septic tank must be left uncovered for the inspection.
3. A final inspection tag will be issued when the inspection is complete.